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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Elmwood Nursery. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and worked closely with the manager and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the setting's work.

- Children are happy, confident and settle well in their nurturing environment. This supports all children to interact respectfully with their peers.
- The manager and practitioners work very effectively together and know all children as individuals. As a result, all children are supported well to make continued progress in their learning.
- Practitioners have created a stimulating environment, which has been creatively designed and developed. This supports all children to engage enthusiastically in a range of learning experiences both indoors and outdoors.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the manager and a representative from East Renfrewshire Council.

- Practitioners should continue to review and develop approaches to planning for children's learning. As practitioners engage in this process, they should ensure they capture fully the range of responsive planning experiences on offer.
- Practitioners should develop further their approaches to monitoring and checking on children's learning. This should support them to clearly capture children's progress and identify next steps in learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the setting's work using quality indicators from [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). Quality indicators help learning and childcare settings, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Elmwood Nursery

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the setting has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. East Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the setting's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its settings.

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